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Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Congressional Lunches.

In order to apprise key members of the Congress of pertinent matters concerning CIA, it is recommended that commencing immediately a program of weekly lunches with Senators and Congressmen be inaugurated. It is recommended that an invitation be extended to the members of Congress listed below, on a proposed schedule as follows:

1. 21 December 1953.

Congressman John M. Vorys (R., Ohio), ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. Vorys recently expressed a desire to come down. He has not been here to lunch since the 82nd Congress. He is a member of the (Randall) Commission on Foreign Economic Policy, and may have some questions to ask along foreign trade lines.

2. 11 January 1954.

Congressmen John Taber (R., N. Y.), Richard B. Wigglesworth (R., Mass.), and Errett P. Scrivner (R., Kans.), of the House Appropriations Committee.

These are the three Republican members who handled the CIA budget for F/Y 1954.

3. 18 January 1954.

Senator Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.), Senate Majority Whip, Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee and member of the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

Senator Saltonstall is responsible for CIA legislation in the Senate, and the proposal for a Joint Committee on Intelligence is before his Committee.

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4. 25 January 1954.

Congressman John McCormack (D., Mass.), House Minority Whip.

Mr. McCormack has not been to CIA since the 82nd Congress. He is a great friend of the Agency. It is recommended that we consider inviting Congressman Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.), the Minority Leader on this date, although he has never indicated any interest in CIA. In addition, we might include Congressman Chet Holifield (D., Cal.) at this luncheon. Mr. Holifield is the second ranking Democratic Congressman on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and the House Committee on Government Operations. He has always been most helpful to CIA on legislative matters. [redacted]

[redacted] When Mr. McCormack is invited, his views on including the other two might be solicited, as he might prefer to come alone.

5. 1 February 1954.

Senators Styles Bridges (R., N.H.) and Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.)

Senators Bridges is Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Senator Ferguson is Chairman of the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee handling the CIA budget.

6. 8 February 1954.

Congressmen Dewey Short (R., Mo.), Leslie C. Arends (R., Ill.), and Carl Vinson (D., Ga.).

Mr. Short is Chairman and Mr. Arends is the ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Vinson is the ranking Democratic member of the Committee. Mr. Arends is, in addition, the House Majority Whip. This Committee is responsible for CIA legislation in the House. Mr. Vinson works so closely with his colleagues that it would appear to be appropriate to include him with the Republican Chairman.

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7. 15 February 1954.

Senators William F. Knowland (R., Cal.) and Eugene D. Millikin (R., Colo.).

Senator Knowland is the Senate Republican Leader and Senator Millikin is Chairman of the Republican Conference. While Senator Knowland is well briefed on certain aspects of CIA work, Senator Millikin has had no contact with the Agency other than as a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. He is a man of great prestige and influence behind the scenes in the Senate and his support would be most helpful.

8. 22 February 1954.

Congressman Edward H. Rees (R., Kans.) and Senator Frank Carlson (R., Kans.).

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Mr. Rees is the Chairman of the House Civil Service Committee, and he has [] always offered to be of any assistance possible, and would be extremely helpful in our career service program. President Eisenhower comes from Mr. Rees' District in Kansas. It may be advisable to include Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil Service at this lunch. Congressman Rees would not desire any detailed briefing, but he is a man of great courtesy, who would be very grateful to have an invitation []

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[] It might be appropriate to include Civil Service Commissioner George M. Moore at this luncheon as he was formerly Counsel to Mr. Rees' Committee, as well as Senator Carlson's, and has always been extremely helpful to CIA on the Hill.

9. 1 March 1954.

Senator Dwight Griswold (R., Neb.) and the freshmen Republican Senators.

It will be recalled that this group invited Mr. Dulles to lunch and an informal talk last winter. It might be possible to arrange a buffet luncheon here with this group as a return

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courtesy, particularly as some of these members may become influential as they achieve seniority. The members of the group are as follows:

Frank A. Barrett (Wyo.)

Interior & Insular Affairs and
Rules & Administration Committees

J. Glenn Beall (Md.)

Banking & Currency, and
Public Works Committees

Prescott Bush (Conn.)

Banking & Currency and
Public Works Committees

John Sherman Cooper (Ky.)

Armed Services
Interstate & Foreign Commerce, and
Post Office & Civil Service Committees

Barry Goldwater (Ariz.)

Banking & Currency, and
Labor & Public Welfare Committees

Dwight Griswold (Neb.)

Interstate & Foreign Commerce
Labor & Public Welfare, and
Post Office & Civil Service Committees

Thomas H. Kuchel (Cal.)

Interior & Insular Affairs, and
Public Works Committees

Fred G. Payne (Me.)

Banking & Currency Committee

Charles E. Potter (Mich.)

Government Operations
Rules & Administration, and
Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committees

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William A. Purtell (Conn.)

Labor & Public Welfare
Post Office & Civil Service, and
Rules & Administration Committees

Robert W. Upton (N. H.)

(No Committee assignments as yet)

10. 8 March 1954.

Congressman George Mahon (D., Tex.), ranking Democratic member of the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Mahon has always been most helpful in supporting CIA appropriations and giving us guidance in that connection. It may be that conversations with Albert Thomas, who appears to be somewhat hostile to CIA will have progressed to a point where we might wish to include him in this luncheon.

11. 15 March 1954.

Senators Lyndon Johnson (D., Tex.) and Stuart Symington (D., Mo.).

Senator Johnson is the Minority Leader and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He wields considerable influence, and it is believed that a briefing might be well received. Senator Symington is a close friend of Senator Johnson and is also a member of the Armed Services Committee who was quite helpful to us in the past session.

The above dates have been staggered as the first and third Monday of each month is set aside for the call of the Consent Calendar in the House, and members normally wish to be present on that date. Therefore, I have tried to put Senators on the first and third Mondays, with Congressmen on the second and fourth Mondays.

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